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Olga Talamante
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COMPLAINT

Chairman
Inter-American Commission on
Human Rights
Organization of American States
Washington, D. C. 20006
United States of America

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wishes to communicate to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, for the purposes established in its Statute and Regulations, the following:

Name of the Person Whose Human Rights Have Been Violated:

Osvaldo Gasparini, Ruben Piazza, Eduardo Gonzalez, Eduardo Grutsky, Juan Gonzalez, Julio Varela (hereinafter referred to as the men prisoners).

Address:

Sierra Chica Prison, Unit 2, Olavarria, Argentina

Description of the Violation:

On or about November 10 through November 13, 1974, the following acts were committed upon the persons of the men prisoners by police officers in the city of Azul, Argentina:

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1. On the night of November 10 and much of the following morning, the men prisoners were forced to stand pressed against a wall in the police station in Azul with their feet and hands against the wall. As the police forced them to hold this position for many hours, they suffered severe pain.

2. In the middle of the night of November 11-12, 1974, Eduardo Gonzalez, Ruben Piazza and Julio Varela were beaten, kicked, and dragged by their hair by police officers in the Azul, Argentina police station.

3. All of the six men prisoners were beaten, kicked and severely bruised by police officers while at the Azul, Argentina police station.

4. All of the six men prisoners were threatened with death and were subjected to electric shock treatment.

5. Osvaldo Gasparini, who had major heart surgery shortly before his arrest, was subjected to blows directly to the scar of the operation. These attacks caused him severe pain and seriously endangered his life.

Place and Date of the Violation:

Azul police station, Azul, Argentina, November 10 through November 13, 1974.

Supporting Material:

1. Sworn affidavit of Olga Talamante (attached), with particular attention to ¶¶9-10, 12, 20.

The above actions violate Article I of the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man: "Every human being

has the right to life, liberty and the security of his person."

These actions also violate Article XXVI of the same document:

"[No person shall] receive cruel, infamous, or unusual punishment."

Therefore, I respectfully request that the Commission investigate these violations.


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